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CONVENED WITH THE

## Baptist Church at New Prospect

Winston Co., Alabama

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## AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY

# MINUTES:

The 24th Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association convened with the New Prospect Baptist church, Winston county, Ala., Friday before the first Sabbath in October, A. D., 1898.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. G. W. Gibson. Text, 1st chapter of the Acts of the Apostles and a part of the 8th verse: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and Judea and in Samaria and into the uttermost parts of the earth." The subject was well delivered and was very pointed, after which an intermission was given.

Reassembled in the Church House. Called to order by moderator. Prayer by Eld. W. W. Davis. The moderator announced the assembly ready for business. The names of the churches composing the Clear Creek Baptist Association were called by the moderator. The letters from the churches were placed on the table by the delegates bearing the same. J. T. Hackett and G. B. Lester were appointed reading clerks, and proceeded to read the letters.

Churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Union Grove--W W Davis, B J Weaver, A J Lovelady.
Sardis No 1—J C Long, J R Crow, J N Harris.
Rock Creek--G W Adams, D H Henderson, G W Taylor.
Macedonia--T P Southerland, L A Cummings, J T Hackett.
Liberty Grove—A H Lovett, H K Oden, F M Willis.
Shilo--H A Hood, H W Whitman.
New Prospect—Anderson Ward, J W O'Kelley, H R. Fulmer.
Concord—J A King, T I Sims.
Bethlehem No 2—Jas Martin, Nathaniel Posey, W Mahure.
Gum Pond—Not represented.
Mountain Spring—S D Pruett.
Salem--W R Long, T A Lynn, R Downey.
Low Gap—J D Butler, D A Ward, L S Butler.
Bethel No 2—Not represented.
Bethsadia--W F West, B A Dye, W N Taylor.
Pleasant Hill—Letter, no delegates.
Clear Creek—H L McCrary, R J Mayfield, G A Rhodes.
Trinity, W C Howard, W O Southern, J C Butler.
Orange—John D Gaines, J S Cain.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Houston--J J Sargent, W C Blackwell, W J Kiker.
Nebo--G B Lester, J R Hood, J M Teakle.
Fairview- Not represented.
Corinth—S C Cooper, R L Pearson, Thomas Cooper.
Blooming Grove—J M Abbett, J H Smith, N H Estis.

Oak Grove—W W Lester, M A Posey, D S McCullars.
Mt Zion—J M Ivey, I Williams, J G Lovelady.
Bethel No 1—Thomas Burrell.
Friendship—A J Wright.
Enonfield—C M White, W C Towers, D H Gregg
Mt Pisgah No 1—W T Christian, T S Robinson, W R Barnett.
Blooming Youth—G W Gibson, W T Lindsay, J W Nunellee
Sardis No 2—C P Henderson, Wilson Dailey, J L Kirkpatrick.
Bethlehem No 1—W P Salter, L R Henson, B F Atkins.
Mt Pleasant—W J Persoll, W T Roberts, P K Land.
Mt Pisgah No 2—Henry Wates, Elijah Thompson
Union Chapel—A L Manasco, D S Garrison, T M Whitman.
Center—M A Higgins, M J Lowramore, A V Jackson.

Called for petitionary letters. Received from Center church a petitionary letter with messengers M A Higgin, M J Lowramore, A V Jackson.

Received from Mt Pisgah Church with messengers Henry Wates, Elijah Thompson.

Received from Union Chapel with messengers A L Manasco, D S Garrison, T M Whitman, with petitionary letters asking admittance into the body. The three churches named being constituted and organized according to Baptist Faith and Practice, were admitted into the body and the right hand of Fellowship extended to all the brethren bearing the petitions and letters, and invited to seats by the moderator.

The Assembly then proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk for the next association year by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Eld Thomas P. Southerland Moderator, and D. S. McCullar, Clerk.

T. J. Hackett and G. B. Lester, acting as tellers, called for correspondence from Sister Associations.

Received from North River Association Brother C. C. Collins as corresponding messenger.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Committee on Devotional Exercises, L. A. Cummings, W. W. Lester, J. A. King, with the deacons of New Prospect church.
Committee on Finance G. B. Lester, J. T. Hackett, W. J. Persoll.
Committee on Nomination, W. T. Christian, McHoward, M. A. Posey.

Call for report of Committee on Devotional Exercises. Report received as follows:

Eld. C. C. Collins to preach at New Prospect church at night, followed by Eld. G. W. Davis. Then adjourned until Saturday morning 8:30 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK A. M. OCT., 1898.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the moderator, T. P. Southerland. Appointed committee on credentials, W. P. Sal-

ter, J. H. Smith, F. M. Willis.

Committee on Aged Ministers:—J. D. Butler, M. A. Higgins, J. M. Abbott.

Committee on Documents:—W. W. Lester, H. L. McCrary, Thomas Burnett.

Called for report of Committee on Credentials. Report received as follows:

We, your Committee, report the following ordained and licensed ministers in good standing, belonging to the Clear Creek Baptist Association:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Union Grove, W W Davis, G W Davis.
Salem, B F Shank.
Sardis No. 2, Wilson Dailey.
Enonfield, David H. Gregg.
Corinth, S C Cooper, J C Cooper.
Liberty Grove, J K P Taylor.
Pleasant Hill, C Ballenger, T M Martin.
Oak Grove, T S Kuykendall.
Fairview, David Carroll.
Macedonia, T P Southerland, J T Harris.
Bethel No. 2, W T Hicks.
Nebo, J W Hood.
New Prospect, J W O'Kelly.
Blooming Youth, G W Gibson
Bethlehem No 2, J T Thompson
Mt Zion, J G Lovelady
Blooming Grove, M Williams
Bethsaidia, W N Taylor
Clear Creek, H L McCrary
Trinity, M Frost
Center, J W M White
Rock Creek, E B Wilburn
Bethel No 1 Thomas Burrell, A H Lay
Houston, T D Wilson, R H Blake

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Enonfield, John Greggs, W G Towers
Liberty Grove, J M Taylor
Macedonia, J Southerland
New Prospect, N J Drewny
Bethlehem No 2, W Milberger
Blooming Grove, R F Estes
Clear Creek, G A Rhodes
Center, G W Tittle
Rock Creek, G W Adams

W P SALTER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS.

Your committee have investigated the matter of aged ministers belonging to this association, and find two in the bounds of this body needing assistance—T M Martin and David Carroll. We recommend that the association assist these dear old brethren, and that the pastors of the various churches lay the matter before the brethren, and urge them when they return home to send a liberal contribution to these brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. HIGGINS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Eld G W Davis to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
W T CHRISTIAN,
M A POSEY,
Mc HOWARD,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:—"Strong drink is raging and whomsoever is deceived thereby is not wise," Provers 20-21. "We are not to look on strong drinks." Prov. 23—31. "Through strong drink men have erred."

Isa. 27—7. Strong drink is condemned by the word of God. All of God's people should condemn it.

Respectfully Submitted,
WILSON DAILEY, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report:

We think the interest in Sabbath Schools in our bounds are much better than they have been heretofore. We recommend that all the churches in the Association that have no Sabbath Schools, to organize one at once and report in letter to the next Association, enrollment, etc. Also we recommend the use of Southern Baptist Lesson Helps and Literature. We believe the Sabbath School to be the best place beisdes the church for the moral and spiritual training of our children.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. H. ESTES, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Dear Brethren, Throughout this grand and noble country of ours stand many churches, the work done by missionaries in former years. The Baptist preachers, by the help of God and the Home Mission Board, have gone forth, sowing the precious seed of truth, scattering it over mountain and plain, until today we have multiplied thousands of Baptist churches and converted Christians worshiping God and teaching the doctrines and precepts of Christ.

Brethren of the Clear Creek Association, there is yet need of much work to be done. Can you not help in this great and glorious work of the Master? You all know that we have done very little by contribution to help the Home Mission Board. We have about fourteen hundred members belonging to the Association. Last year we paid $2 23 for Home Missions. The statistics of the churches are read by Baptists all over the United States and in other countries. Your clerk is called on for statistics of this Association by many Baptists and publishing houses from all over the country. They see we claim to be a missionary body but are anti-missionary in practice. Your committee know, from personal knowledge, that we have many good Baptists belonging to this Association who are negligent and careless, that need some teaching along the line of missionary regeneration. Spiritually born Baptists can be taught by Bible truths to contribuie to missions and church work. Humbly Submitted,

D. S McCULLAR, Chairman.

## COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Reports as follows: We, you committee have examined all documents presented to us and find that Bethlehem Church No. 2 asks for letter of dismission from this Association, also Bethsadia Church asks for letter of dismission. We recommend that letters of dismission be granted Bethlehem Church No, 2 and Bethsadia Church at their own request and that the clerk of the Assocition be authorized to write said letters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wm. W. LESTER, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS,

Brethren, we find it impossible at this time to give a satisfactory summary of the great work done by the State Board of Missions. The headquarters of the Board is located at Montgomery, Ala,, having for its Corresponding Secretary, W. C. Bledsoe who is using all means possible to evangelize the people of the state and bring them to Christ. Your commiteee recommend that a collection be taken up for State Missions and forwarded to the State Secretary, also, that the pastors of churches take up a collection quarterly, for State Missions. Having been informed that the State Board intended to locate an evangelist at Jasper, Ala, for the benefiit of our weak churches, we recomend that co-operate with the State Mission Board to the extent of our ability.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. P, Salter
L. A, Cummings } Committee,
H. L, McCrary

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Educaton is Development. Its necessity needs no argument. The relation this association sustains as an advisory council is of very great importance. We claim to be the light of the world,—light in a broad sense is knowledge. As light advances darkness recedes—as knowledge increases darkness decreases and the power of darkness disappears. So as we claim to be the light of the world we are expected to illuminate those with whom we are associated, hence we see the great necessity of an education. What are institutions of learning worth to us unless we take advantage of them? Brethren, let us educate our children. We recommend the West Alabama Male and Female College located at Eldridge, Ala., as a good institution of learning; also the Howard College at East Lake, Ala.; and the Judson Institute at Marion, Ala. Brethren, let us wake up on the subject of education in the bounds of our association which we so much need.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. Gibson,
D. S. McCullar,
J. T. Harris. } Committee.

## REPORT OF COMMITTE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, in making this report consider that no stronger appeal for Foreign Missions can be made to Missionary Baptists than is made in the statistics herewith given. We only wish to emphasize, by special mention, a few of the many startling facts in the tables hereto appended:

Africa, with its 130,000,000 heathen souls, has one Baptist missionay to every 14,500,000 people. Which has most need of the gospel, Africa or the Clear Creek Association? Africa has one Baptist missionary to every 1,200,000 square miles of territory. Christian Alabama has one to every 59 square miles, more than one to every two townships. Which has more than its share? Africa has one Baptist church to every 2,300,000 square miles, Alabama has one to every 32 square miles, more than one to every township. Africa has one Baptist to 69,000 square miles, Alabama has 2 to every square mile. Where is the harvest ripest?

China, with its 303,000,000 people, dependent to-day, so far as Baptists are concerned, upon 31 missionaries, not as many as we have in the Clear Creek Association. The Baptist preachers of the Clear Creek Association set down in heathen China, without hope of help from the outside world, to carry the gospel to 300,000,000 perishing souls.

Japan, with almost 40,000,000 pagan souls to be saved or lost, has one Baptist to every 1,200,000. Alabama has one to every 14. If any church in our Association were set down in Japan to lead those people to Christ without any help, they would not think we possessed the true missionary spirit if we should sit down over here with folded arms, as too many of us are doing. We favor missions, but charity begins at home. Where is the Baptist so heartless as to longer withhold his hand? One nickel a year from each member in this Association would amount to a large sum for foreign missions. Who is so poor that he cannot give one nickel a year to save these heathen countries. If we have the slightest regard for the great commission committed to us we will shake off this lethargy and stretch forth an eager hand to help save the heathen world. If not we will go on as we have been, excusing ourselves by saying "Charity begins at home" and, we might add ends there too, so far as foreign missions is concerned.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. B. Lester.

## REPORT OF FIRST DITSRICT.

The next meeting of this body to convene with Trinity church, Marion County Ala., Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1899; Eld G W. Davis to preach the Introductory Sermon, B. F. Shank alternate. Eld. Thomas P. Southerland to preach Sabbath at 11 o,clock, H L McCrary alternate.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSSION.

1. Who were the witnesses that lay in the streets three days and a half? Discussion opened by G. W. Davis.
2. Are we, the Baptists a peculiar people? If so, in what respects? Discussion opened by T. P Southerland.
3. What is the relationship existing between Sunday Schools or Bible Schools and the Church. Dicussion opened by J. J. Duncan.

THOS. P. SOUTHERLAND, Moderator.
J. T. HACKETT, District Clerk

## REPORT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT.

Locate the association of the Clear Creek Baptists with Mt. Pisgah church no. 1, four miles north of Houston, Winston County, Ala., the annual district meeting of this body to convene with the Houston Baptist Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August 1899. The Fifth Sunday meetings of the Second District to convene at the following times and places: Nebo church, Friday before the 5th Sunday in Oct. 1898.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What plan should we adopt, from the teachings of the Bible, to promulgate the cause of Christ in our churches?
2. Have we any right, as Baptists, to receive members from the so-called Primitive Baptists, as members in good standing, on their baptism?

The second Fifth Sunday meeting to convene with Bethlehem church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in April, 1899. The third Fifth Sunday meeting to convene with Oak Grove church at Motes, Ala., on Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1899.

G W Hilton, Moderator
D. S. McCullar, District Clerk.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have received from the churches belonging to the association and paid over to D S McCullar, treasurer of the association, the following amouuts: Minute Fund $22.70, Associational Fund $8.10, Home Missions $6 00 Foreign Missions $4.20, State Missions $1.75, Aged Ministers $1.00 Total 43.75. Contributed to T M Martin, aged minister at the association $4.55. General Total $48.30.

J T HACKETT
G B LESTER } Committee
W J PERSOLL

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

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| Oct. 2d, 1897, Received of Finance Committee | | | |
| | Minute Funds, | $20 70 | |
| | Associational Funds, | 5 65 | |
| | Foreign Missions, | 4 05 | |
| | Home Mission, | 2 23 | |
| | State Missions, | 25 | |
| | Aged Ministers, | 25 | |
| | | $33 13 | |
| Paid for printing Minutes, | | | $ 20 70 |
| " Clerk for preparing minutes for printer | | | 5 65 |
| " W C Bledsoe, Sec'y and Treas. Home and Foreign Mission Board | | | 6 53 |
| Total paid out, | | | $32 83 |

Balance on hand 25 cents.

Respectfully submitted,
D. S. McCULLARS, Treasurer.

Appointed D S McCullars Treasurer for next Associational year.

Appointed the following committees to report at the next session of this body, October, A. D., 1899:

Committee on State Missions—W R Long, chairman; H K Oden, M A Posey.

Committee on Ministerial Education—D S McCullars, G B Lester, J A King

Committee on Home Missions—Wilson Dailey, chairman, W O Southern, C P Henderson.

Committee on Foreign Missions—W W Davis, chairman; W G Towers, W C Blackwell.

Committee on Temperance—W T Christian,chairman, S C Cooper J J Sargent

Committee on Sabbath Schools—G W Gibson, chairman; J C Long, W J Persoll.

Committee on Education—S C Cooper, chairman; J T Hackett, J R Hood.

Committee on Vocal Music—N H Estes, chairman; B J Means, Y M Ivey.

LIST OF MINISTERS WITH POST OFFICE.

W W Davis, G W Davis, Deer, Winston county, Ala.

T M Martin, C Balenger, Brown's Creek.

S C Cooper, J C Cooper, Motes.

T S Kuykendall, Motes.

B F Shank, Natural Bridge.

H L McCrary, Deer.

T P Southerland, Haleysville.

J T Harris, Ashridge.

Wilson Dailey, Addison.

J W Hood, Addison.

W T Hicks, Delmar.

G W Gibson, Melville

Thomas Burrell, Mellville.

J K P Taylor, Biler.

D H Greggs, Upshaw.

W G Towers, Addison.

J T Thompson, Igoburg.

G W Adams, Double Springs.

J W M White, Pool, Lawrence county.

R H Blake, T D Wilson, Houston, Winston county.

E B Wilburn, Harrican.

W N Taylor, Bear Creek.

J G Lovelady, Elk.

A H Lay, Mellville.

M Williams, Marylee, Walker Co.

N J Drewry, Haleysville.

R F Estes, Marylee.

M Frost, Bear Creek.

J M Taylor, Ashridge.

The following Brethren appointed to correspond with Sister Associations:

To Cullman Association—Thomas Burrell, J W M White, C P Henderson.

North River Association—G W Gibson, N H Estes.

Mussel Shoals Association—S D Pruett, Wilson Dailey.

Mud Creek Association—W P Salter, J D Butler, J J Butler.

Sulphur Springs Association—H L McCrary, J J McCrary.

RESOLUTION:—We tender our sincere thanks to New Prospect church and community for kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

N. H. ESTES, Chairman.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—W R Long, G W Gibson.

Delegates to State Baptist Convention—S C Cooper, D S McCullars, T P Southerland, G W Gibson.

The Association, having attended to all the business of the body, took the parting hand and adjourned to convene with Mt. Pisgah church, No. 1, Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, A D 1899, 4 miles north of Houston, Winston county, Alabama.

THOMAS P. SOUTHERLAND, Moderator.
DAVID S. MCCULLARS, Clerk.

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Preaching on Sabbath at eleven o'clock by Eld. C. C. Collins and Brother Wade. Text, 4th chapter Hebrews and 12th verse: "For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and a discerner of the thoughts of the heart." The subject was well delivered and very pointed, and much good was manifested among the brethren and people.

A motion made by N H Estes and carried that the clerk have as many minutes printed as the minute fund will pay for, and the associational funds be paid the clerk for preparing minutes, etc.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

We, the Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ are desirous of a reciprocal Union. We therefore propose to mantain the order and rules of the Association according to the following plan:

We believe that the churches of Christ are mutually independent of each other, and that the congregational form of church government shoud be invioably preserved, yet being convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse and pious councils on principles of reciprocal advantage and chrstian love, we hold it to be the duty of churches to pay respect on these principles to the advice of the Association.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union; who on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats, the letters so produced shall express the condition of their churches, respectively, viz.: The number in fellowship the number received by baptism, by restoration, dismissed, excuded and dead since the last Association, which letters shall be read and the delegates names enrolled.

2nd. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Clear Creek Baptist Association.

3rd. The Association thus formed shall choose by ballot a moderator and clerk, who shall serve one year.

4th. This Body shall have no coersive power to lord it over God's heritage, or to infringe on any internal privileges or rights of the Churches in our Union, but shall be considered an advisory council.

5th. The body may appoint ministers to preach in the destitute bounds of the association and raise means to pay them by subscription or donation, which amount so subscribed or donated, shall be a voluntary matter. She may appoint a committee on domestic missions, whose duty it shall be to employ and see to the payment of the missionaries.

6th. To give Churches the best advice she can in matters of difficulty, and if the union should be broken between any of the sister Churches, to enquire into the cause of the breach and use her best efforts to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be repaired, to withdraw from any Church or Churches which they may look upon as unsound in principle or immoral in practice until the same be reclaimed.

7th. To take up no case of any Church in the union without the consent of a majority of the Churches.

8th. Newly constituted or dismissed Churches may be received into our union by their representatives as before stated, and the moderator shall signify the same by giving the right hand of fellowship.

9th. The association, when convened, shall be governed by such rules as she may adopt. She may adjourn from day to day until she shall have finished all the business that may be brought before her.

10th. Every Church in this body shall be entitled to three delegates, and no more.

11th. To appoint a treasurer to receive and disburse the funds of the association who shall make annual settlements of the amounts received and expended, the surplus on hand, if any, which report shall be published in the minutes.

12th. To have the minutes read, approved and signed before she rises and order them printed, if she thinks necessary.

13th. The association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members.

14th. Voting shall be confined exclusively to the body in all acts respecting internal concerns.

15th. To amend the plan of form of government at any time when a majority of the union shall deem necessary.

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## BAPTIST DECLARATION OF FAITH.

1. On the Scriptures.—We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction: that it had God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter: that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us: and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian Union, the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. Of the True God.—That there is one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness: worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love: revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost: equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

3. Of the Fall of Man.—That man was created an intelligent, finite being under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy estate, in consequence

of which all mankind are now sinners, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

4. Of the Way of Salvation.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by his death, being arisen from the dead, He enthroned in Heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection is in every day qualified to be a suitable and all sufficient Saviour.

5. Of Justification.—That the great Gospel Blessing, which Christ in his fullness bestows on such as believe in Him, is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness, that is not bestowed in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through its own righteousness, that it brings us into a state of blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

6. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved we must be regenerated and born again, that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition, the mind and heart is affected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

7. Of God's Purpose of Grace.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangable, that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree, that it is ascertained by its effect on all who believe the gospel, it is the foundation of christian assurance and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

8. Of the Perseverance of Saints.—That such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their

welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

9. Harmony of the Law and Gospel.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of his visible Church.

10. Of a Gospel Church.—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

11. Of Babtism and the Lord's Supper.—That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the Church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded by solemn self-examination, and that none have the right to administer it, only such as are called, qualified, and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

12. Of Christian Sabbath.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purpose, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation, by devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest which remaineth for the people of God.

13. Of Civil Governmrnt.—That civil Government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscienciously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of the Lord of conscience, and Prince of the kings of earth.

14. Of the Righteous and Wicked.—There is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked: that such as only through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified through the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and

unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

15. Of the World to Come.—That the end of the world is aproaching and that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the graves to final retribution ; that a separation will then take place ; that the righteous will be adjudged to endless joy, and the wicked to endless punishment and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in Heaven or Hell, on principles of righteousness.

16. The Saints ought to wash each other's feet.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall arise to his feet and address the moderator.

3. No person shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the question or uses words of personal reflection.

4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association unless withdrawn by him who made it

5. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

6 When any question is taken up by the association, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays or otherwise, and the decision thus made shall be announced by the moderator immediately.

7. No person shall depart from the association without leave of the moderator.

8. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave obtained.

9. The appellation of brother shall be used in our address one to another.

10. The moderator shall be entitled to the same priveleges as any other member provided he appoint some other member to fill his seat while he is talking or otherwise, but shall not vote unless the association be equally divided.

11. Any member violating the above rules may be reproved as the association thinks proper only on the day the offense shall have occurred.

# STATISTICS OF CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1898.

FIRST DISTRICT.

| CHURCH | PASTOR | CLERK | CLERK'S POST OFFICE | Baptised | Rec'd by letter | Dis. by letter | Restoration | Excluded | Died | Present Membership | Meeting Days | Minute Fund | Associational Fund | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | State Missions | Paid Aged Ministers | Paid Pastor | S. S. Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Union Grove | G W Davis | L H Davis | Biler | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 86 | 4th | 75 | 25 | 55 | 60 | | | | |
| Sardis No. 1 | G W Davis | W D Taylor | Lynn | 9 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | | 70 | 2d | 1 15 | 25 | | 50 | | | | |
| Rock Creek | T P Southerland | G W Adams | Double Springs | 8 | 5 | 1 | | | 1 | 72 | | 1 50 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Macedonia | G W Davis | J T Hackett | Biler | 7 | 3 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 66 | 3d | 1 00 | 50 | | | | | | |
| Liberty Grove | T P Southerland | J S Conway | Biler | | | | | | | 77 | | 1 00 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Shiloh | J K P Taylor | A L Manasco | Kinlock | | | 4 | | | 1 | 14 | 3d | 35 | 10 | | | | | | |
| New Prospect | T P Southerland | H B Sims | Haleysville | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 5 | | 111 | 1st | 1 25 | 50 | | | | | | |
| Gum Pond | Not Represe'ted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Concord | G W Davis | J W Threadgill | Lynn | 1 | 3 | 5 | | | | 35 | 1st | 75 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem No 2 | J K P Taylor | S Posey | Igoburge | 1 | 4 | 10 | | 1 | | 78 | 4th | | | | | | | | |
| Mount'n Springs | | J T Delashaw | Cole | | | 1 | | | | 28 | | 30 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Low Gap | W N Taylor | J M Ward jr | Haleysville | 1 | | | | | | 18 | 4th | 25 | 30 | 25 | 10 | 15 | | | |
| Bethel No 2 | Not Represe'ted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethsadia | J T Thompson | | | | | | | | | 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem | B F Shank | W A Walker | Lynn | 9 | 7 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 71 | 1st | 1 00 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Hill | T S Kuykandall | G W Balenger | Brown's Creek | | 3 | | | | | 29 | 1st | 50 | | | | | | | |
| Clear Creek | H L McCrary | J J McCrary | Deer | | | | | | | 13 | 1st | 50 | | | | | | | |
| Trinity | H L McCrary | W C Howard | Bear Creek | | | | | | | 29 | | 50 | 20 | 15 | | | | | |
| Orange | J T Thompson | A D Davis | Igoburge | | 2 | | | 2 | | 22 | | 1 00 | 25 | | | | 25 | | |
| Houston | G W Gibson | A J Scoggin | Houston | 2 | 12 | 15 | | 1 | | 57 | 4th | 1 00 | 75 | | | | | 15 00 | 25 |
| Nebo | S C Cooper | G B Lester | Addison | 1 | 5 | 12 | | 1 | 2 | 65 | 4th | 1 25 | 25 | | | | | 8 50 | |
| Fairview | Not Represe'ted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corinth | James Hilton | G W Hilton | Motes | 2 | | 1 | | | | 39 | 2d | 75 | | | | | | 25 00 | 35 |
| Blooming Grove | G W Gibson | N H Estes | Marylee | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 2 | | 84 | 3d | 75 | 25 | 50 | 50 | | | 20 00 | 70 |
| Oak Grove | S C Cooper | D S McCullar | Motes | 10 | 9 | 2 | 1 | | | 53 | 2d | 1 00 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 75 | | 8 70 | 15 |
| Mt. Zion | J G Lovelady | Harvey Ivey | Elk | | | | | | | 24 | | 25 | 45 | | | | | | |
| Friendship | F J Kelly | James Sims | Upshaw | 4 | 12 | 4 | | | 1 | 31 | 2d | 50 | | 25 | | | | | |
| Emmenfield | E B Wilburn | W Freeman | Tavern | 28 | 18 | 2 | | | | 83 | 1st | 65 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Mt. Pisgah No 1 | | W R Burnett | Peak's Mill | 7 | 11 | | | 5 | | 40 | 1st | 50 | 10 | 1 00 | 1 25 | 1 00 | | | 0 |
| Blooming Youth | G W Gibson | J W Hendon | Melville | 4 | 5 | | | 4 | | 16 | 3d | 50 | 25 | | | | | | 40 |
| Bethel No 1 | A H Lay | J D Rutledge | Melville | 5 | | | | | | 60 | | 75 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem No 1 | James Hilton | J H Smith | Elk | | 5 | 2 | | | | 35 | 3d | 50 | 50 | 25 | 50 | 25 | | 15 00 | |
| Mt. Pleasant | S C Cooper | A W Lester | NeSmith | | | 4 | | 1 | | 29 | 1st | 50 | 25 | 2 00 | | | | 12 70 | |
| Center | J W M White | Wm Hawkins | Pool | 31 | 12 | | | | | 60 | 4th | 1 15 | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Pisgah No 2 | J W M White | G W Naylor | Moulton | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | | 11 | 3d | 65 | | | | | | | |
| Union Chapel | J T Thompson | T M Whitman | Canal | | | | | | | 8 | 4th | 50 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Sardis No 2 | F J Kelly | C P Henderson | Addison | 8 | 5 | | 1 | 1 | | 23 | 3d | 50 | 50 | 1 00 | 50 | 50 | | | |
| Double Springs | Not Represe'ted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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SECOND DISTRICT.

# ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Intermission.
3. Call Association to Order.
4. Call the Names of the Churches.
5. Read Letters. Enroll Delegates' Names.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Call for petitionary Letters.
8. Call for Correspondence. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
9. Appoint Committee on Devotional Exercise.
10. Appoint Committee on Finance.
11. Read Report on Devotional Exercise.
12. Appoint the following Committees:
    - [1] On Credentials.
    - [2] On Aged Ministers
    - [3] On Home Missions.
    - [4] On Foreign Missions.
    - [5] On State Missions.
    - [6] On Temperance.
    - [7] On Sabbath Schools.
    - [8] On Vocal Music.
    - [9] On Education.
    - [10] On Documents.
    - [11] On Ministerial Education.
13. Miscellaneous Business and Missionary Reports.
14. Read Treasurers Report and appoint Treasurer.
15. Call for Reports of the District Meetings.
16. Read Reports of the Committees in the order appointed.
17. Appoint Correspondence. Set Time for next Association. Read Minutes. Call Roll. Adjourn.

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Brethren of the Clear Creek Baptist Band,
We are traveling to a better land.
The key-note of our creed
Is in the Bible for all to read.

Repent, believe, and be baptized.
We pray all people may open their eyes.
Baptism by burial we have always taught,
Believing all others will come to naught.

The great Surveyor ran the lines
The third of Matthew so beautifully defines
"Free to all is grace divine"
So said the Surveyor that run the line.

Pray Brethren and be true.
Read John the 13th—it will tell you what you ought to do.
Baptists love all Christians; Strange this may seem.
But to trifle with the ordinances they are not inclined to lean.

In Winston County we annually meet,
To advise each other and brethren to greet.
Fifteen hundred and thirty-eight is the number enrolled,
Judgment will all things unfold, unfold.

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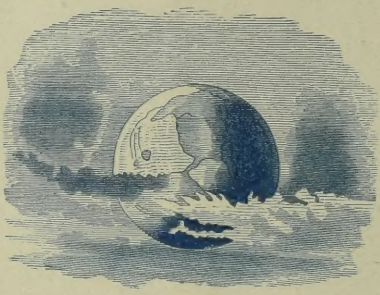

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